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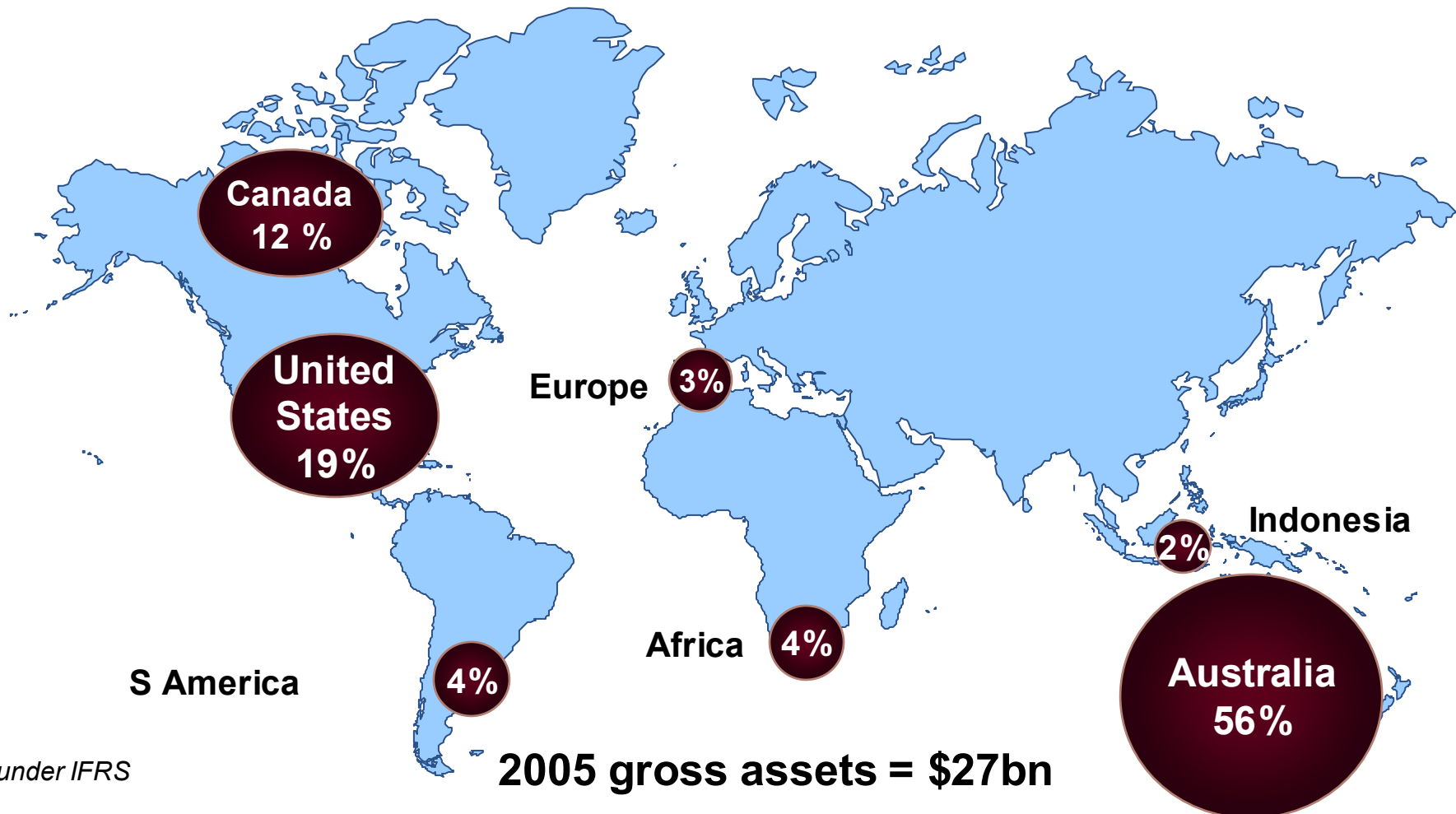
Great Past, Better Future

Leigh Clifford

Chief executive Rio Tinto

Brisbane Mining Club – 8 May 2006

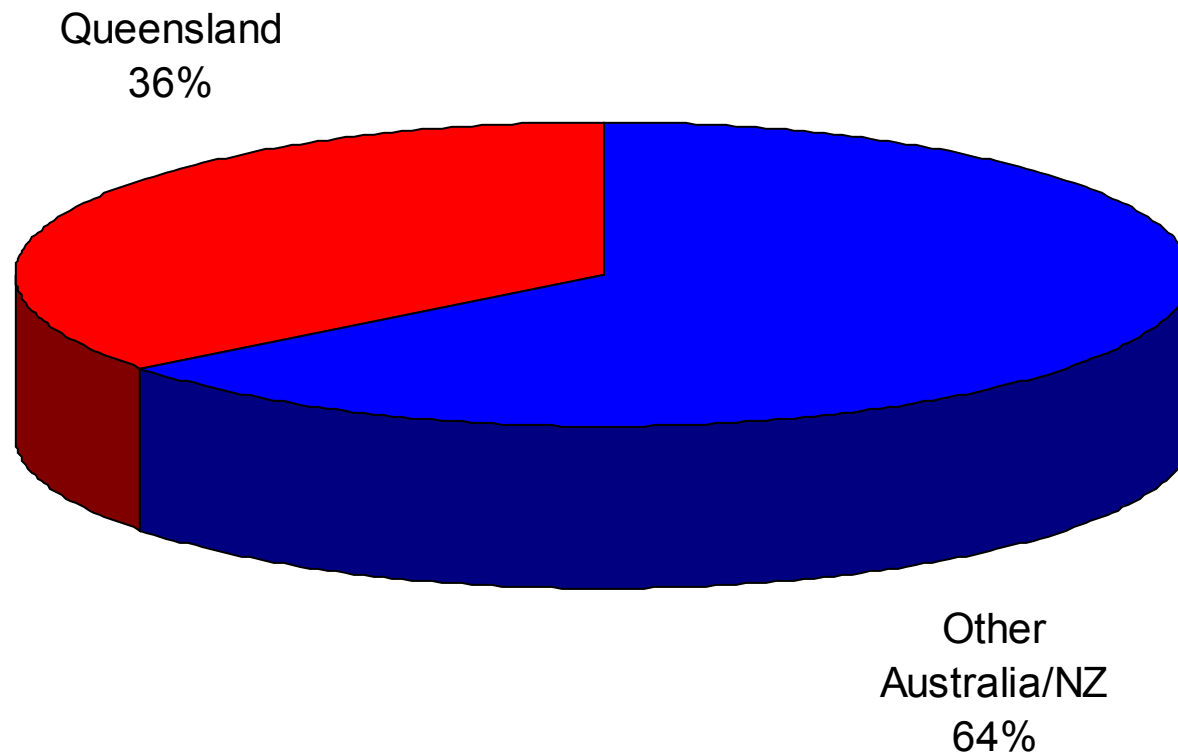
87% of Rio Tinto's assets are in Australia and North America



Data under IFRS

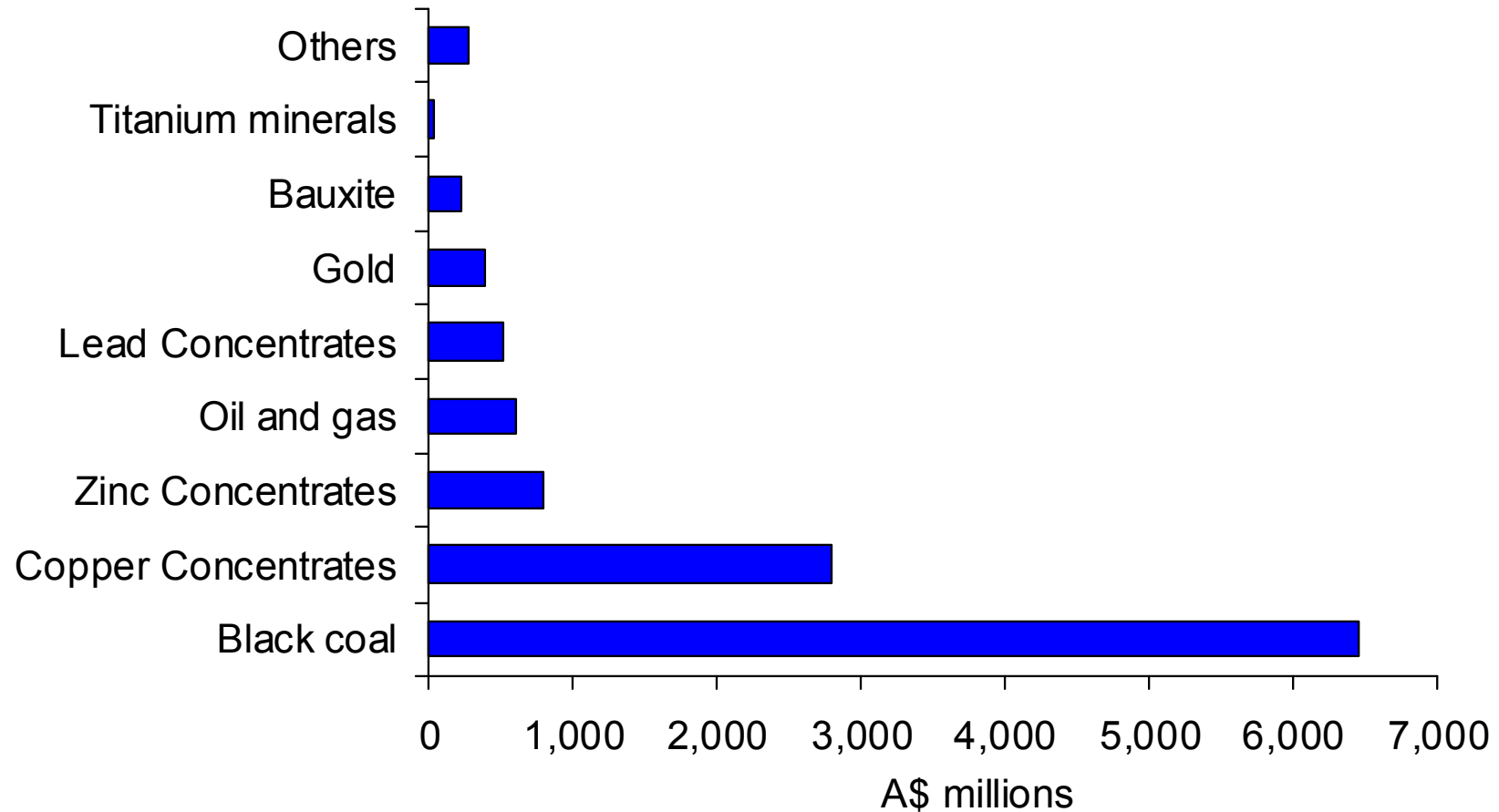


Economic contribution of Rio Tinto within Australia/NZ in 2005



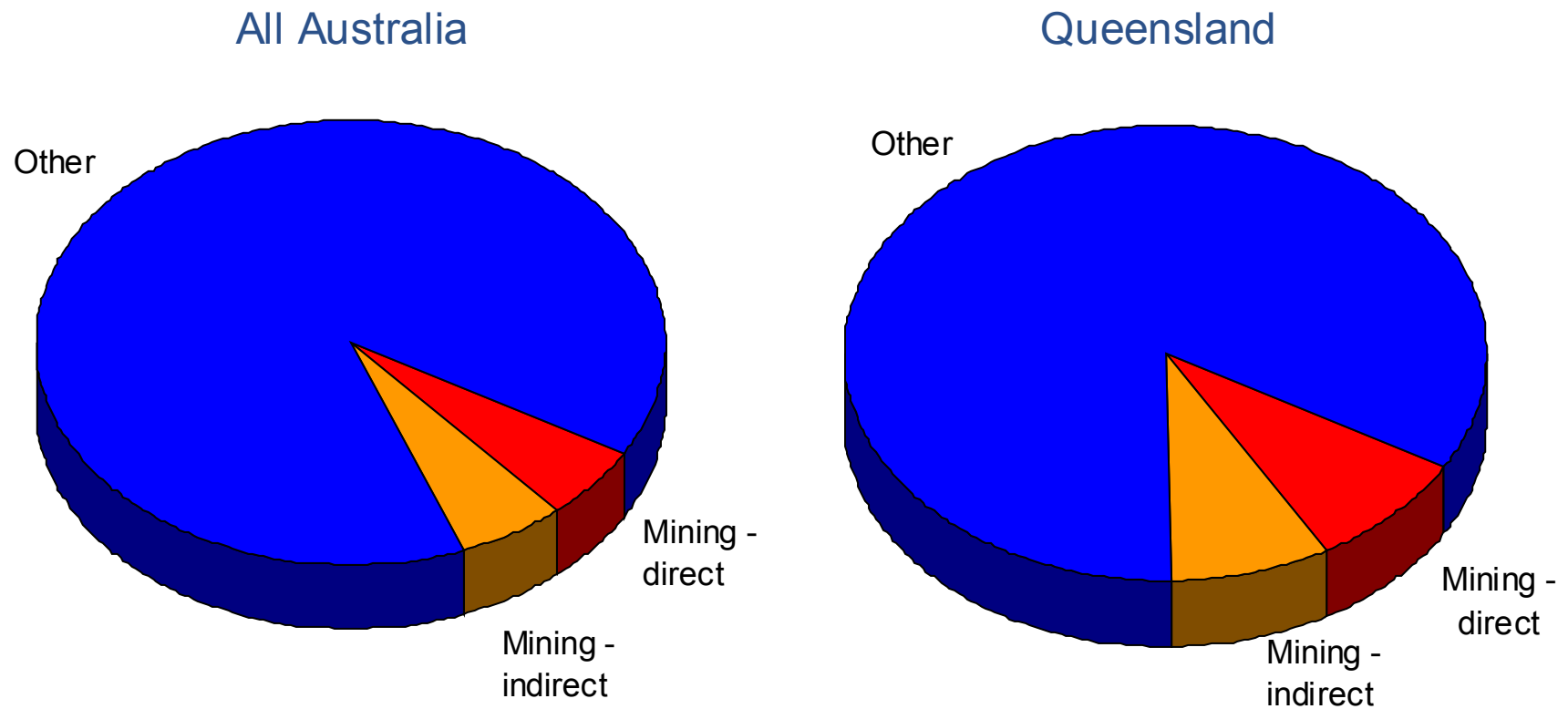
Source: Rio Tinto

Value of mineral production in Queensland in 2003/04



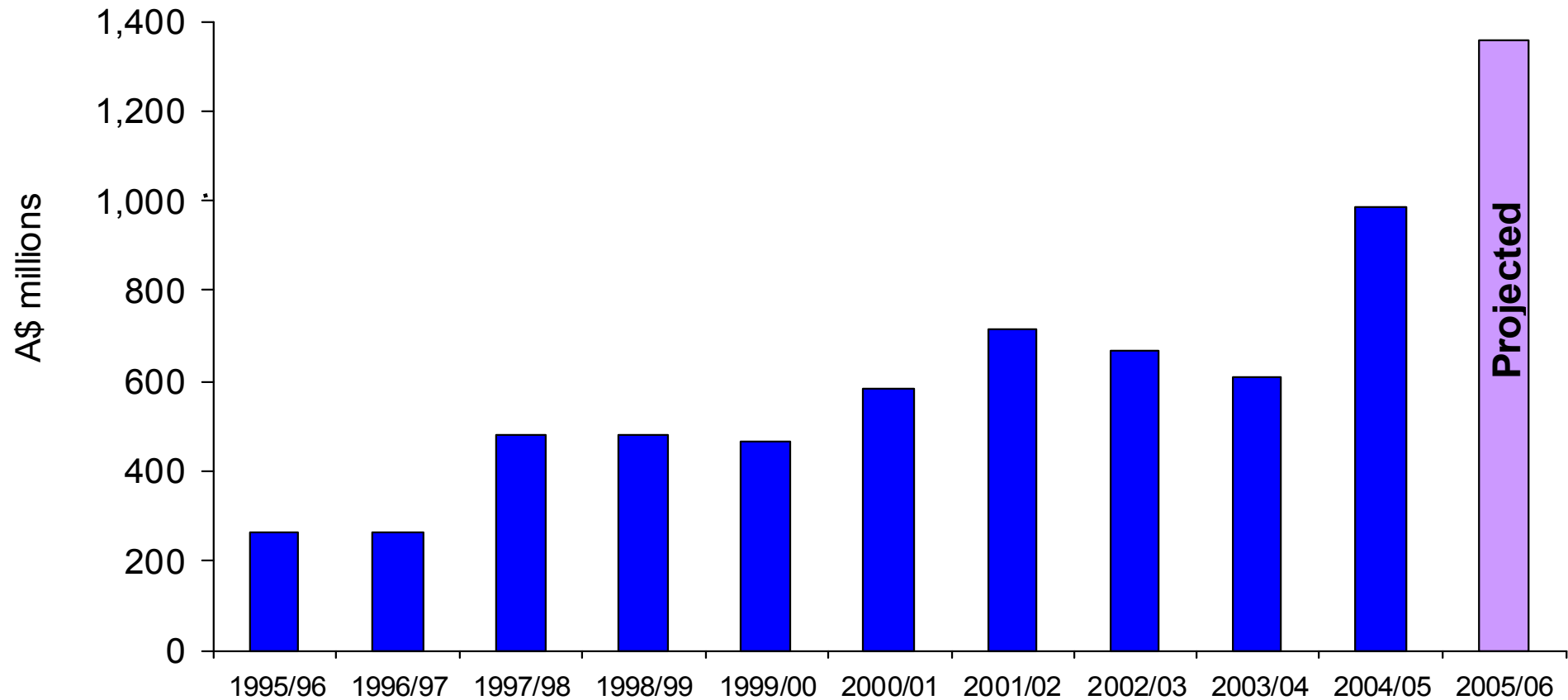
Source: Qld. Department of Natural Resources and Mines, *Queensland Mineral and Petroleum Review 2003-04*

Contribution of the mining sector to GDP/GSP 2004/05



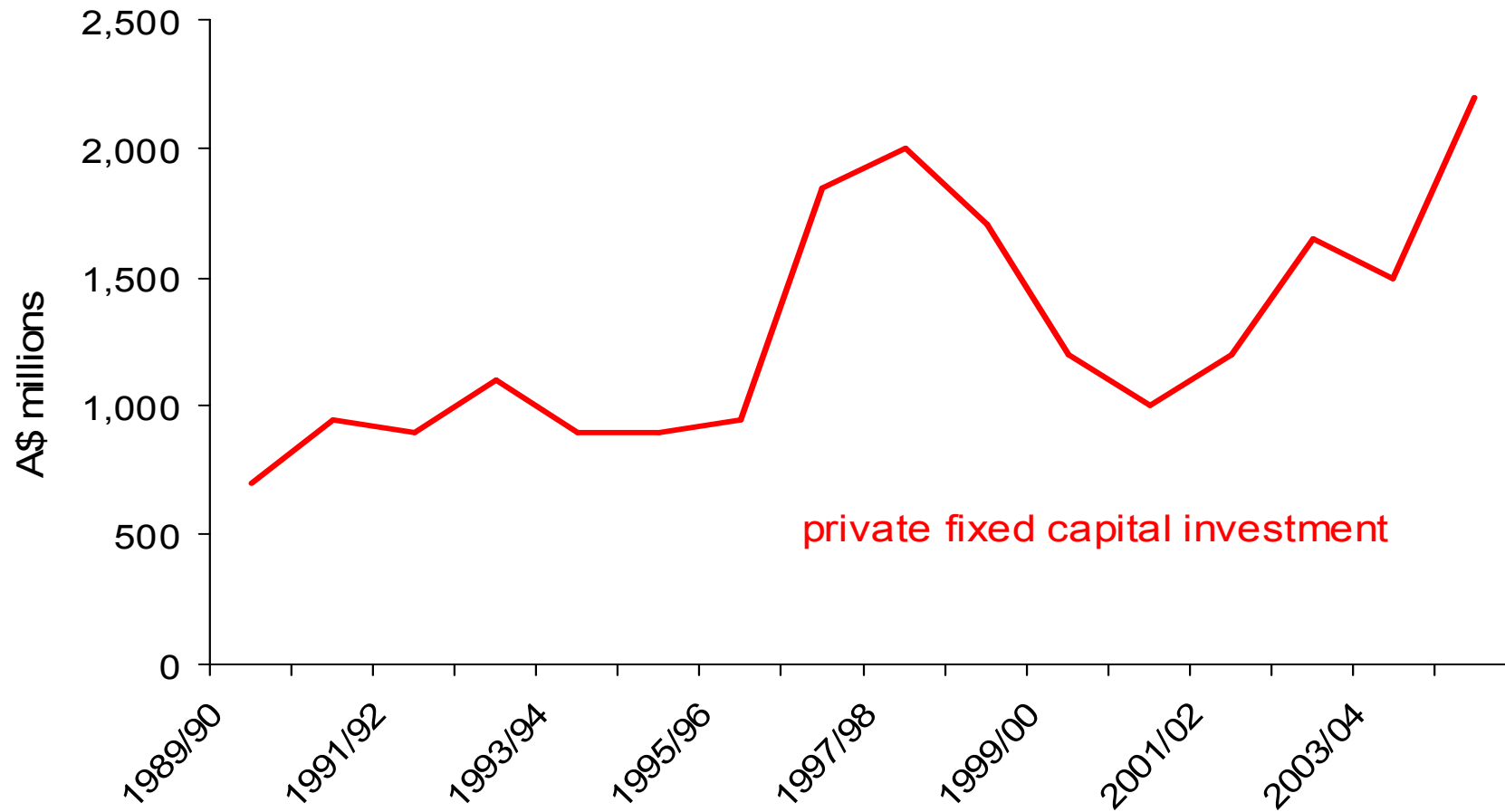
Note: Assumes a multiplier effect of 2 to calculate the indirect contribution to GDP

Queensland royalty receipts from the mineral sector



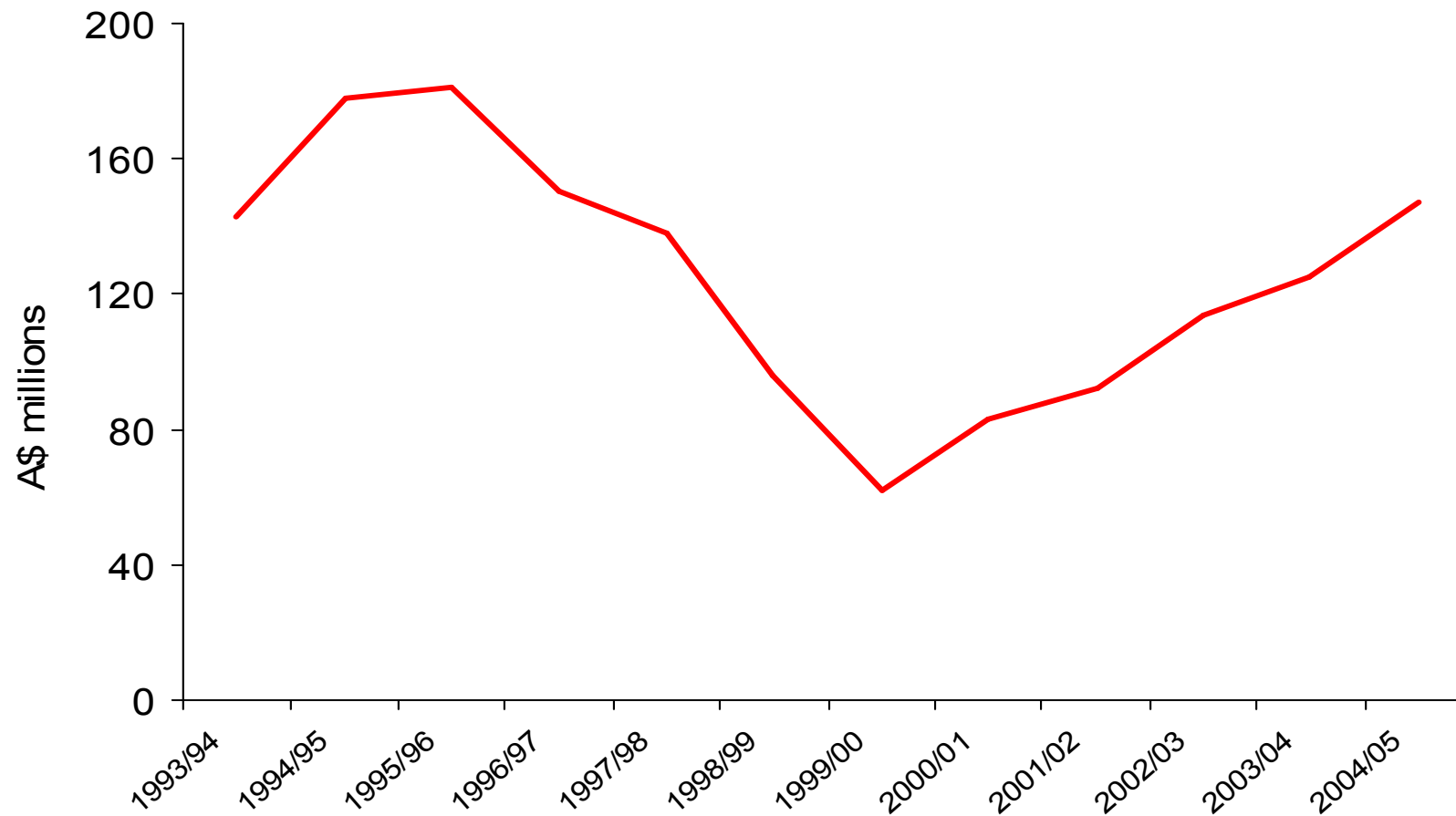
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Capital expenditure in mining in Queensland



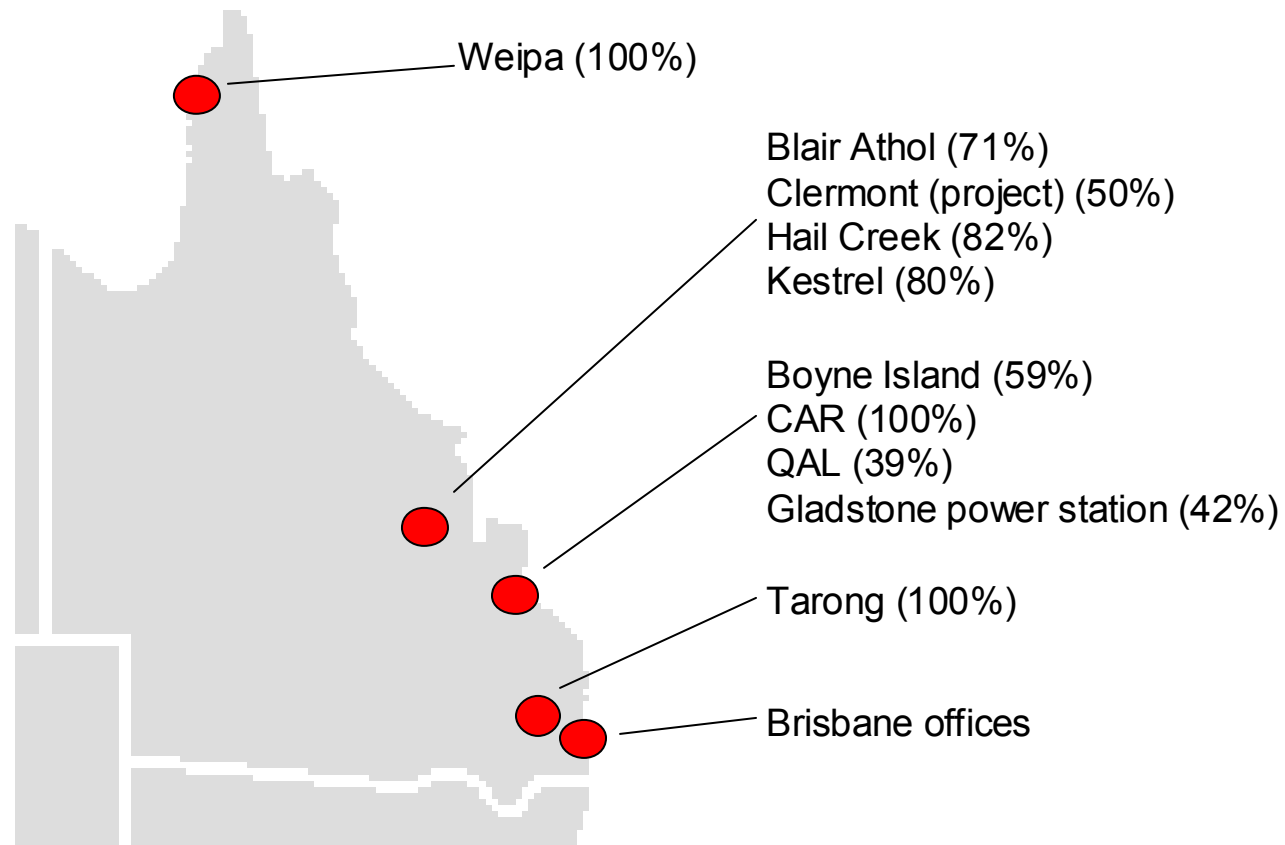
Source: Queensland Resources Council and ABS

Exploration expenditure in Queensland

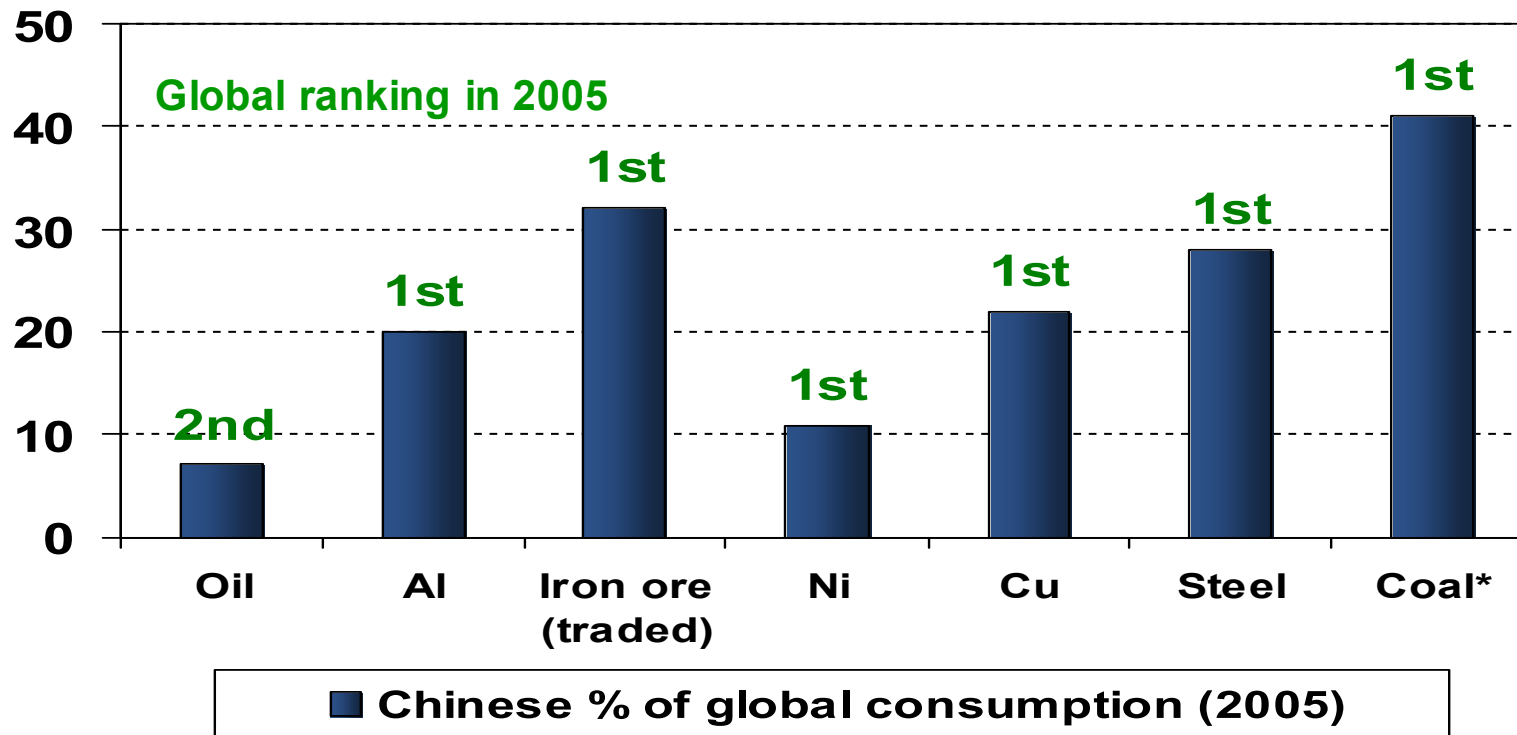


Source: Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines, *Annual Report 2004-05*

Queensland operations



China is now the largest consumer of a number of commodities

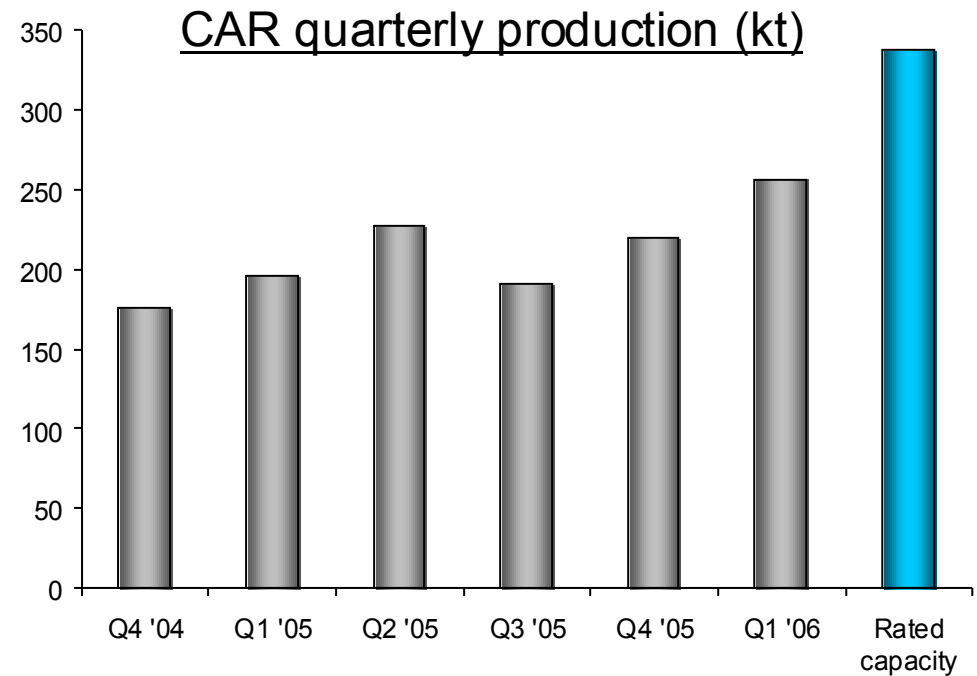


Sources: WBMS, Barlow Jonker, IEA

*Coal data relates to 2004

Comalco Alumina Refinery – Stage 1 performance

- Project delivered on budget, ahead of time
- Ramp up to nameplate capacity continues
- Focus is on improving reliability of pumps feeding digestion circuit



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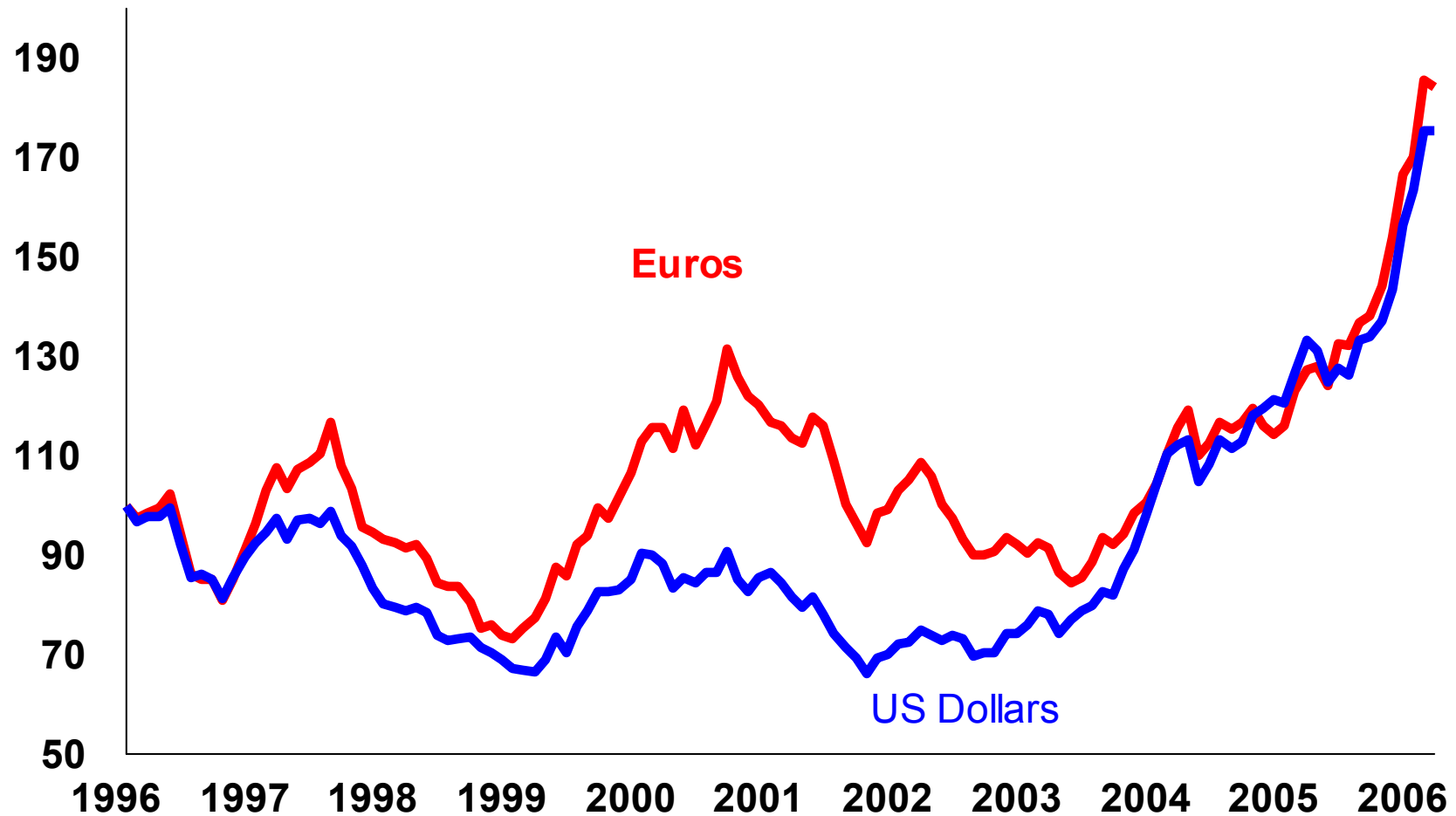


Hail Creek



Economist index of non-ferrous metals prices

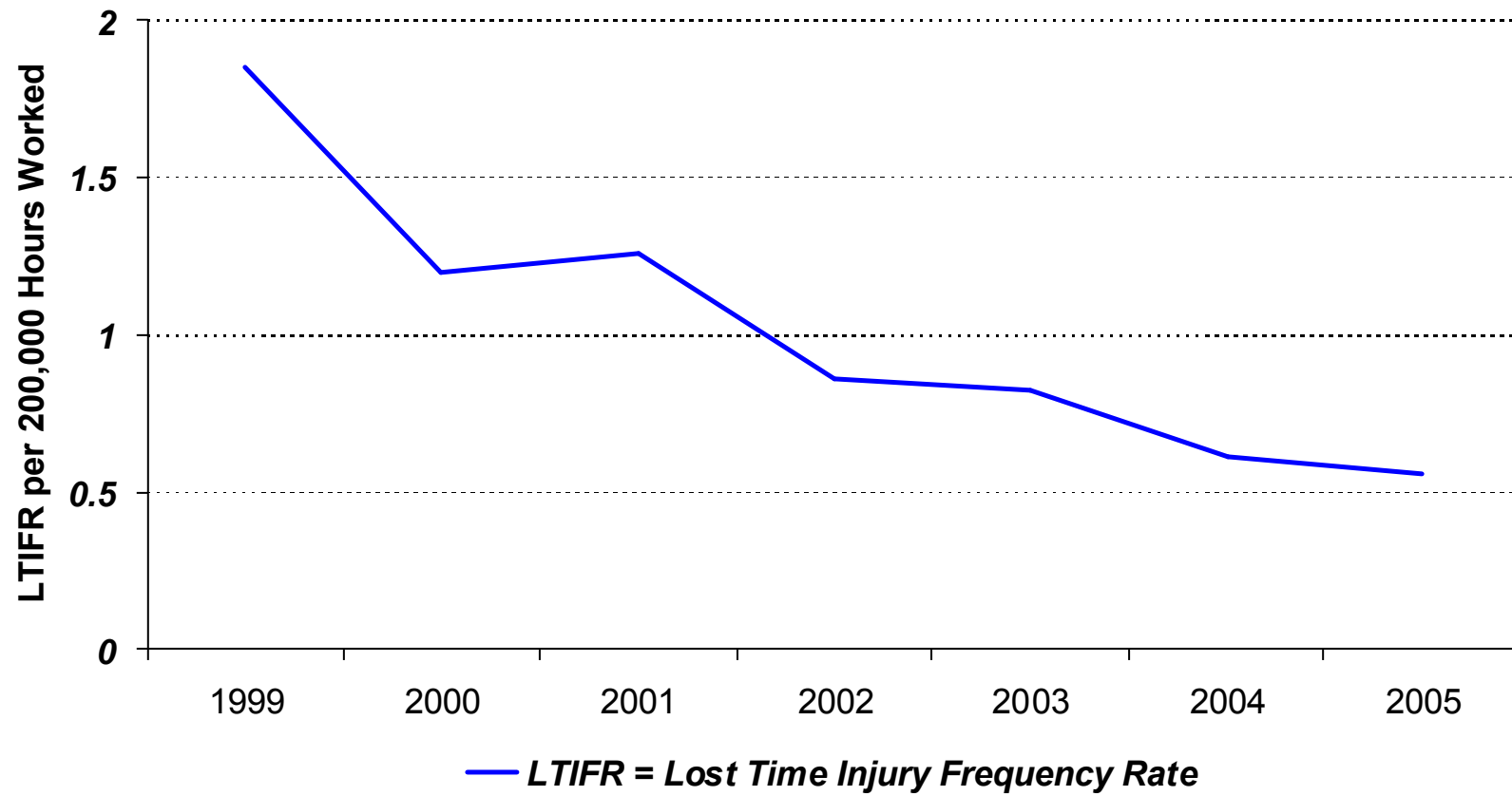
Monthly, January 1996=100



Sustainable development

- Safe work practices
- Environmental stewardship
- Good indigenous and community relationships
- Economic and social sustainability
- Local and regional economic development
- Energy efficiency / climate change

Rio Tinto's safety performance

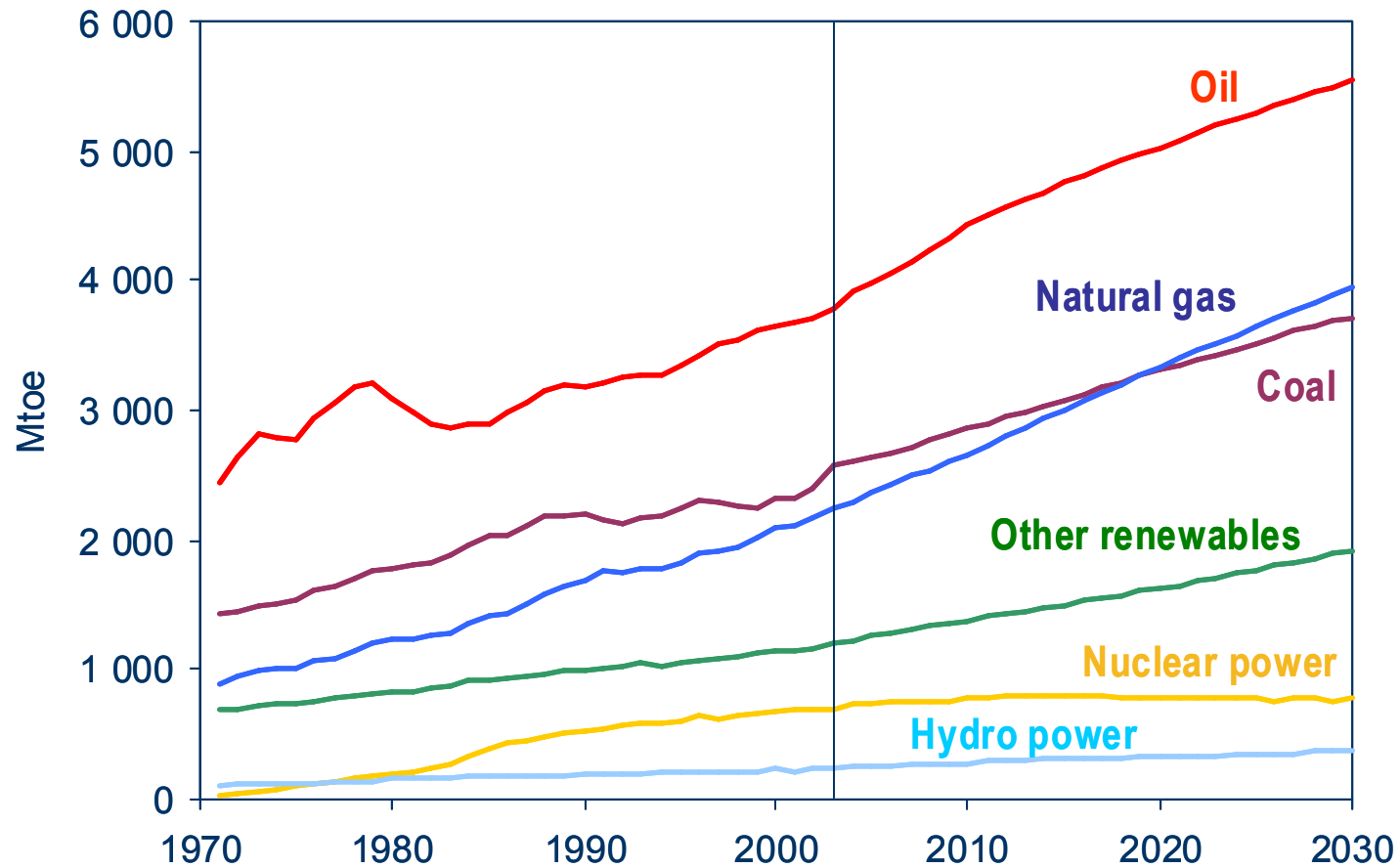


Future Reef partnership



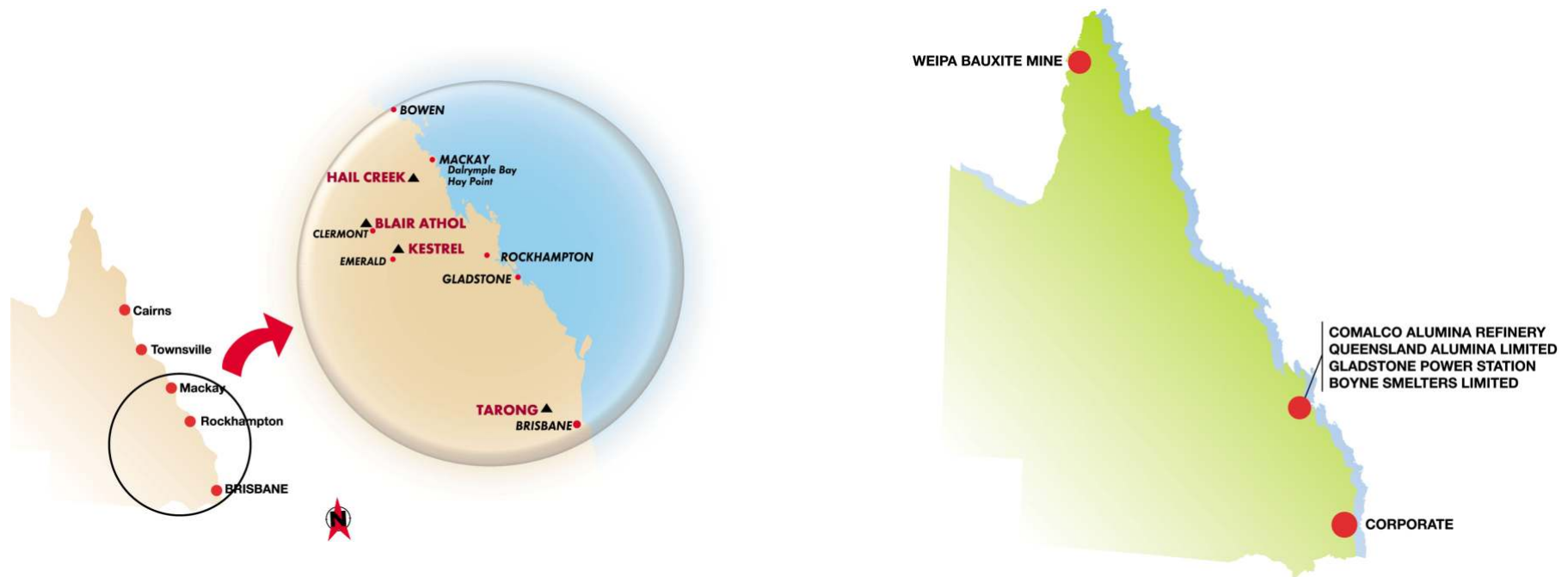
- To preserve the reef's economic and environmental value through research based solutions
- Rio Tinto Aluminium, Great Barrier Reef Research Foundation and University of Qld
- The programmes:
 - Ocean acidification research programme
 - Reef searchers employee programme
- A\$1 million over four years and inland support

World primary energy demand



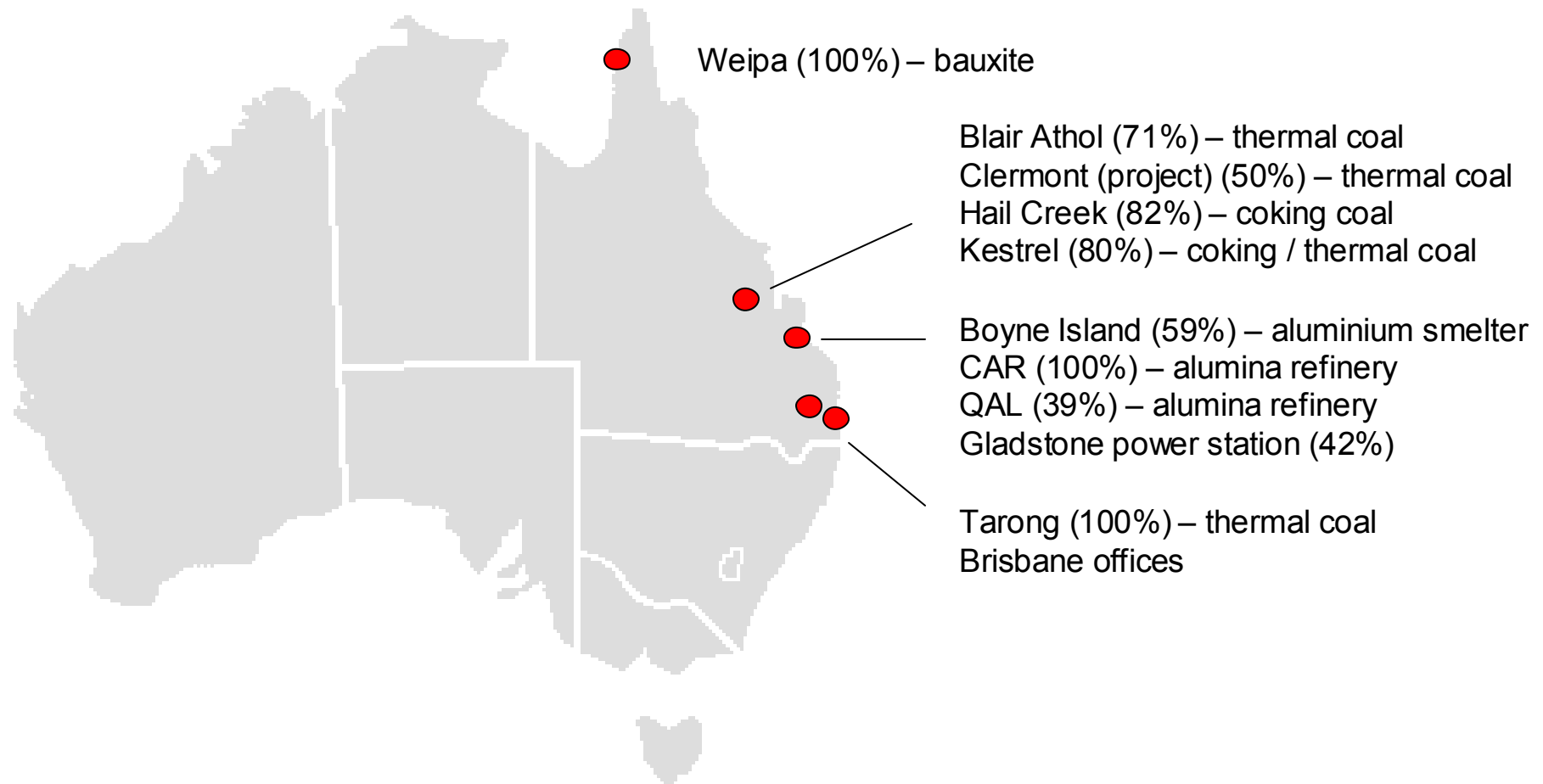
Source: World Energy Outlook 2005 - Middle East and North Africa Insights, International Energy Agency, 2005

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